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MINUTES

February 5, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Trumbull Town Council was called to order at 8:09 p.m. by Chairman Mark Altieri. All present joined in a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

Steve Lupien	John Rotondo	Kathleen Bivona
Michael Rappa	John DelVecchio, Jr.	Carl Massaro
Jane Deyoe	Debbie Lamberti	Tom Ragonese
Mary Ellen Lemay	Perry Molinoff	Chad Ciocchi
Mary Beth Thornton	Mark Altieri	Dan Helfrich
Jeffrey Jenkins	Matt Reale	Charles Pitcher

ABSENT: Dan Marconi, John Sowka, Martha Mark

* Chairman Mark Altieri exercised his right not to vote unless otherwise noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the January 4, 2007 meeting were accepted as presented with unanimous consent.

First Selectman Ray Baldwin explained that in the past few weeks there has been an extraordinary amount of activity involving the services of our Police, Fire, EMS and Fire Marshal's office. There was a fatal house fire, 3 fatal automobile accidents and what could have been a major fire at the mall's food court. A number of people have been affected traumatically by these events. All of whom have complimented all of our emergency services including the Fire Marshal's office for the extraordinary work that they have done.

Mr. Baldwin has sent them a letter of commendation for their professionalism, their courage and their actions on behalf of the Town. Chief Schlich (Trumbull Center Fire); Chief Rousso (Long Hill Fire); Chief Rice (Nichols Fire); Vi Watson (Chairman of EMS Commission); Tom Kiely (Chief of Police); and Megan Murphy (Fire Marshal) have done an extraordinary job of leading their individual departments during these very difficult times.

On behalf of the Town Council, Chairman Altieri concurred and stated that Council is very proud of all the work that has been done. Council will express their gratitude to all of our emergency services personnel.

Item 1. RESOLUTION TC21-141: Moved by Ms. Deyoe, seconded by Mr. Jenkins

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$950,000 is hereby appropriated for renovations to the Senior Center, and authorizing the issue of \$350,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Mr. Jenkins recused himself and left the room at 8:18 p.m. due to business reasons.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on January 30, 2007 and voted 3-0 to recommend.

Director of Public Works John DelVecchio, Sr. explained that some of the \$600,000 grant money has already been used for the following purposes: \$65,000 payment to the Grant Writer; total renovation of 2 bathrooms; extensive concrete work on the patios; and handicap ramps. The bids came back in and there is a shortfall. This \$350,000 request should more than cover the remaining work and, as he has done with leftover money on other projects, Mr. DelVecchio will return any unused portion of the request.

The State will not allow the grant money to be used for engineering fees, carpeting, painting and furniture. This request will cover these items as well as the cost of the bonding.

The remaining grant money will be used for HVAC; an elevator (in addition to the existing elevator); the carpentry for the redesign and remodeling of the interior section where the Director is. A computer room, new offices, and a new transportation office will all be built. The interior of the building will be painted.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Mr. Jenkins returned to the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Item 2. RESOLUTION TC21-137: Moved by Mr. Pitcher, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment by the First Selectman of Jennifer Schlechtweg of 4949 Madison Avenue as a member of the Trumbull Day Commission, be and the same, is hereby approved for a term extending to September 1, 2011.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 29, 2007 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 3. RESOLUTION TC21-138: Moved by Mr. DelVecchio, seconded by Mr. Pitcher

BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment by the First Selectman of Lynn Lewis of 91 Arden Road as a member of the Trumbull Day Commission, be and the same, is hereby approved for a term extending to September 1, 2011. (Zeidenberg)

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 29, 2007 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 4. RESOLUTION TC21-142: Moved by Ms. Bivona, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That the recommendation by the First Selectman to reappoint Eric Gross of 117 Suzanne Circle as a member of the Ethics Commission, be and the same, is hereby approved for a term extending to the first Monday in December, 2011.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 29, 2007 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

2/3 affirmative vote is needed for adoption

VOTE: Adopted unanimously (17-0)

Item 5. RESOLUTION TC21-143: Held in Committee

Item 6. RESOLUTION TC21-144: Moved by Ms. Lemay, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That Robert Rosenfield of 35 Wauneta Road, be and the same, is hereby reappointed as a member of the Pension Board for a term extending to the first Monday in December, 2010.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 29, 2007 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 7. RESOLUTION TC21-145: Moved by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That Cathleen Blanchfield of 35 Brookside Drive, be and the same, is hereby reappointed as a member of the Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee for a term extending to the first Monday in December, 2010.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 29, 2007 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 8. RESOLUTION TC21-146: Moved by Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Rotondo

BE IT RESOLVED, That the reappointment by the First Selectman of George Furkiotis of 69 Botsford Place as a member of the Golf Course Commission, be and the same, is hereby approved for a term extending to the first Monday in December, 2011.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 29, 2007 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 9. RESOLUTION TC21-147: Moved by Mr. Helfrich, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That the reappointment by the First Selectman of Thomas Galla of 294 Putting Green as a member of the Golf Course Commission, be and the same, is hereby approved for a term extending to the first Monday in December, 2011.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 29, 2007 and amended by adding the middle initial "J" to Mr. Galla's name. The committee voted 5-0 to recommend as amended.

The committee report was accepted as an amendment with unanimous consent.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

VOTE: Adopted unanimously as amended

Item 10. RESOLUTION TC21-148: Held in Committee

Item 11. RESOLUTION TC21-149: Moved by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Reale

BE IT RESOLVED, That Anthony Silber of 43 Stag Lane, be and the same, is hereby appointed as an alternate member of the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term extending to the first Monday in December, 2008.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 29, 2007 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 12. RESOLUTION TC21-150: Moved by Mr. Ciocchi, seconded by Mr. Lupien

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$168,000 is hereby appropriated from Golf Retained Earnings account 21-315200 to Capital Outlay account 21100000-581888, \$120,000; Maintenance Equipment/Building account 21100000-578802, \$48,000.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on January 30, 2007 and voted 3-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Moved by Mr. DeVecchio, seconded by Mr. Pitcher to make this emergency legislation.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 13. RESOLUTION TC21-151: Moved by Ms. Lamberti, seconded by Mr. Lupien

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$31,000 is hereby appropriated from the unreserved fund balance to Planning & Zoning Services & Fees – Professional 01014200-522202, \$30,000 and Planning & Zoning Communication 01014200- 545502, \$1,000.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on January 30, 2007 and voted 3-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted 16-0-1 (Abstention: Ragonese)

Moved by Mr. Massaro, seconded by Mr. Lupien to make this emergency legislation.

VOTE: Passed 16-1-0 (Opposed: Ragonese)

Item 14. RESOLUTION TC21-152: Moved by Mr. Lupien, seconded by Mr. Jenkins

BE IT RESOLVED, That the settlement of a Worker's Compensation Case known as Robert Lessard v. the Town of Trumbull is hereby authorized.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on January 29, 2007 and voted 7-0 to send without recommendation.

Moved by Mr. Molinoff, seconded by Mr. Ciocchi to go into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation with Town Attorney Dan Schopick.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

Moved by Mr. Lupien, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio to return to public session at 8:54 p.m.

VOTE: Carried unanimously

Moved by Mr. Lupien, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio to send the item back to committee.

VOTE: Carried unanimously

Item 15. RESOLUTION TC21-153: Moved by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Lupien

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Attorney is hereby authorized to settle a matter know as Veronica Larsson v. Town of Trumbull.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on January 29, 2007 and voted 7-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

New Business:

Mr. Ciocchi submitted a resolution pertaining to an appointment of an alternate to the Board of Finance.

Mr. Ciocchi submitted a resolution pertaining to an appointment to the Trumbull Day Commission.

Mr. Helfrich moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Pitcher. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Lusebrink,
Council Clerk